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In accordance with the Presidential Emergency Declaration resulting from Hurricane Isabel, the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program is available to Virginia localities and state agencies. During the period October 24 through October 30, 2003, the Department of Emergency Management in cooperation with the Federal Emergency Management Agency will conduct applicant briefings throughout the ninety-nine declared jurisdictions.

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is a cost-share competitive grant program for locally-sponsored mitigation projects. All cities and counties within the Commonwealth are eligible to apply for grants under this disaster declaration. Eligible projects, funding priorities and the application and grant process will be described during the briefing meetings. Pre-applications will be accepted until close of business December 2, 2003. While this notice is being sent to county administrators, city managers and emergency management coordinators, additional local officials who represent community development, planning and public facilities may wish to attend a briefing.

If the date of the briefing most convenient to you conflicts with your schedule, please attend an alternate briefing. Briefing packages will be available at the briefings for all counties and cities within the declared area. Please call the Hazard Mitigation Division at the Disaster Field Office and let Alaina Brooks know how many representatives of your locality will be attending each specific briefing. She can be reached at (804) 290-8901. It is important to attend a regional briefing as we will not be able to provide individual pre-application meetings. The Hazard Mitigation staff is looking forward to working with you to successfully sponsor mitigation projects that will reduce future damages to property and lives from natural hazards.

Sincerely,

Michelle Pope
Acting State Hazard Mitigation Officer